



2010 San Diego City Amateur Championships

The tournament committee has made a local rule that it is permissible to use a distance measuring device (rangefinders) in this competition. These devices must measure yardage only and not wind direction/speed or gradient.

Distance-Measuring Devices: A player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. However, if, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g., gradient, wind-speed, temperature, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional functions are actually used.

Rule 14-3

Rangefinders and other Electronic Distance Measuring Devices

Q. Is it legal under the Rules of Golf to use a Rangefinder or other Electronic Distance Measuring device?

A. The use of a distance-measuring device is a breach of Rule 14-3, which states that during a stipulated round, the player shall not use any artificial device or unusual equipment for the purpose of gauging or measuring distance or conditions which might affect his play (Rule 14-3).

The USGA Handicap System requires players to post scores made when a device which measures distance only has been used (regardless of whether the Committee has adopted the Local Rule described below). Scores made while using a device which measures other conditions which might affect play (e.g., wind speed or the slope of the ground) are not acceptable for Handicapping purposes. Please refer to Section 5-1 of the USGA Handicap System Manual regarding acceptable scores. [USGA Handicap Home Page](#)

The Committee may, by Local Rule, permit the use of devices that measure distance only (i.e., the device may not be used to measure other conditions such as wind-speed or the slope of the ground). (Decision 14-3/0.5)

14-3/0.5 Local Rule Permitting Use of Distance-Measuring Device

Q. May a Committee, by Local Rule, permit the use of distance-measuring devices?

A. Yes. A Committee may establish a Local Rule allowing players to use devices that measure distance only. However, the use of devices that gauge or measure other conditions that might affect a player's play (e.g., wind or gradient) is not permitted. In the absence of such a Local Rule, the use of a distance-measuring device would be contrary to Rule 14-3. (New)

If the Committee elects to adopt a Local Rule permitting the use of distance-measuring devices, the following text is recommended:
Distance-Measuring Devices: [Specify as appropriate, e.g., "In this competition," or "For all play at this course," etc.], a player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. However, if, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g., gradient, wind-speed, temperature, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional functions are actually used.

A Local Rule allowing the use of distance-measuring devices that are capable of gauging or measuring other conditions is not authorized.

If the Committee has adopted a Local Rule permitting the use of distance-measuring devices, these devices may be shared by players (see analogous Decision 5-1/5 regarding the sharing of equipment other than clubs).

Additionally, please refer to Decision 8-1/2 which clarifies that the distance between objects is a matter of public information and therefore not advice.



2010 SAN DIEGO CITY AMATEUR GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS

NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

BALBOA PARK GOLF COURSE

1. USGA Rules of Golf and the following local Rules shall govern all play.
2. **Golf Balls:** only balls tested by the USGA and found to conform to the Rules of Golf may be used. Penalty for unapproved brand: Disqualification.
3. **Out of Bounds:** is defined by the inside edges at ground level of white stakes and/or perimeter fence including the perimeter fence to the right of #16 and to the right of #7.
4. **Lateral Hazards:** Lateral Water Hazards are designated by red stakes. Hazard stakes on Hole #16 pertain to Hole #16, Hazard stakes on Hole #17 pertain to Hole #17. There is an optional drop area on the left side of Hole #13. All canyon areas at Balboa Park are to be deemed as Lateral Water Hazard.
5. **Cart Paths, Maintenance roads, and bridges:** are deemed to be immovable obstructions and relief may be taken under Rule 24-2. Drop within one club length of the nearest point of relief, not nearer the hole, no penalty. Boundary fence surrounding maintenance shed on Hole #2 is an immovable obstruction.
6. **Ground Under Repair:** is designated by white lines encircling the area; all flower beds and roped areas are to be considered Ground Under Repair. Drop within one club length of the nearest point of relief using the point of entry, no nearer the hole, no penalty.
7. **Embedded Ball:** Anywhere "through the green" a ball which is embedded in its own pitch-mark in the ground, other than sand, may be lifted without penalty, cleaned, and dropped as near as possible to the spot where it lay, no closer to the hole. (see rule 25-1).
8. **Speed of Play:** All contestants are reminded of Rule 6-7 of the USGA Rules of Golf.
9. **Scorecards:** Please exchange scorecards within your group. All cards must be signed by the marker and attested by the player. (See Rule 6-6). Scorecards must be turned in to scoreboard immediately following completion of play.
10. **Doubt as to Procedure:** A player may play a second ball without penalty (see Rule 3-3).
11. **Rangefinders and other Electronic Distance Measuring Devices:** Are permissible to use in this competition. These devices must measure yardage only and not wind direction/speed or gradient. (see rule 14-3).
12. **Caddies:** Are allowed but limited to only one caddie at any one time (Rule 6-4).
13. **Ties:** In the event of a tie for 1st or 2nd (to determine champions and trophy winners), a sudden death playoff will be held at a hole designated by the Tournament Committee immediately following completion of play.
14. **Players are responsible for posting their own tournament scores each day at the appropriate course or online.**
15. **All decisions made by the Tournament Committee are final and no further appeals will be accepted.**
16. **NO SPECTATORS** are allowed at any time during play on any of the three golf courses.

Tees to be played:

- Men's Championship = Blue tee markers
- Women's Championship = Red tee markers
- Men's Senior Championship = White tee markers

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